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In re the application of) Examiner: J. C. McNeil
Aita et al.)
For: SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC)
COATING)
Serial No.: 09/375,169)
Filed: August 16, 1999)
Docket No.: R0376-00100)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

For further consideration pursuant to the concurrently filed Request For
Continued Examination, please preliminarily amend the above identified application as
follows: